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SUBJ: ALLEGED MERCENARIES IN KHMER REPUBLIC (C)

MACTHAI FOR BG CLELAND, CHIEF MEDTC

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT STORY WILL SOON BREAK ALLEGIN THAT THE GKR IS HIRING UP TO 300 US QTE MERCENARIES UNQT. STORY WILL ALSO INDICATE THAT VINNELL CORPORATION IS INVOLVED. VINNELL CORPORATION HAS CONTRACT THROUGH MEDTC FOR CAMBODIA MAP TO PROVIDE 40 TCN EMPLOYEES (LARGELY KOREAN) TO ASSIST THE FANK IN LOGISTICS SYSTEMS. STORY HAS APPARENTLY ALREADY BEEN FILED THROUGH SAIGON.

2. LOCAL MANAGER OF VINNELL CORPORATION DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH ACTIVITY. MR. CHARLES BRINKLEY WILLSSHER (BRITISH CITIZEN), VINNELL EMPLOYEE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED, CONFIDENTIAL

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IS COMPLETING HIS ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE COMPANY AND DEPARTING FOR ENGLAND ON 6 MAY. VINNELL MANAGER DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT MR. WILLISHER IS INVOLVED IN ANY ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THOSE OF HIS VINNELL JOB. MAIN SOURCE OF STORY APPEARS TO BE CERTAIN PETER D. SMITH, FORMER PILOT CASHIERED FROM VINNELL LOCAL EMPLOYMENT TWO MONTHS AGO FOR INDISCOF MINISTERS. GOF SPOKESMAN JOSEPH COMITI TOLD PRESS THAT MINAG CHIRAC DESCRIBED FINAL SETTLEMENT AS CONTAINING ELEMENTS OF BOTH SATISFACTION AND CONCERN. HE STRESSED THAT EC HAD AVOIDED OPEN CRISIS OVER AGRICULTURAL POLICY, AT THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD RETURN TO COMMON PRICES, AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN STRUCTURE OF FARM PRICES. COMITI SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER MESSMER HAD CONGRATULATED CHIRAC ON HIS EFFORTS AT LUXEMBOURG BUT WARNED THAT " HORIZON IS CLOUDY AND WE RISK HEADING INTO MORE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES."

2. AS HE HAD DONE IN EARLIER COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SESSION (REFTEL, PRESIDENT POMPIDOU ALSO SPOKE AT LENGTH DURING MAY 3 MEETING ON IMPORTANCE OF EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE. POMPIDOU DESCRIBED GAP AS " THE STIMULUS FOR THE MARCH TOWARD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION. IF WE DID NOT HAVE THIS CONSTRAINT, THE UNION WOULD (#)

EUROPEAN FARM OUTPUT AND RISING WOULD DEMAND FOR FOODSTUFFS(REFTEL).

HE SAID EUROPE POSSESSES AGRICULTURAL WEALTH WHICH CANNOT BE GIVEN UP AND WHICH WILL BE INCREASINGLY APPRECIATED AS WORLD POPULATION GROW. POMPIDOU ALSO SAID THAT THE " CONSERVATION OF A EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE IS... INDISPENSABLE FOR THE FUTURE OF A EUROPE.. THE COMPLEXITY OF CAP NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED BY EC ENLARGEMENT AND BY MONETARY SITUATION. AS IN HIS PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, CHIRAC TOLD ASSEMBLY THAT FINAL AGREEMENT CONTAINS BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ELEMENTS. ON NEGATIVE SIDE, CHIRAC SAID THAT PRICE INCREASES FOR MEAT, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, WINE AND TOBACCO WERE INADEQUATE. ON QUESTION OF MILK, CHIRAC REPEATED THE SUGGESTION HE MADE IN SPEECH TO FRENCH FARMERS ON APRIL 12 (REFTEL), SAYING THAT EUROPE MUST FIND A WAY TO MAINTAIN THE

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